Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 04 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 05 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 04 May 2023 at 00:37

Confidence: High confidence for a change to more changeable and showery conditions during the next 24 hours. Lower confidence in the details and timings of showers or more general spells of wet weather over the weekend. Low confidence in the risk of thunderstorms.

Headline for Thursday 04 May 2023: Cloud gradually thickening bringing a chance of showers during the second half of the day.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain showers	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	20%	40%	60%	70%

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Weather: Clear spells and high cloud during the overnight period leading to a bright start to the day on Thursday. Thickening cloud by the afternoon with a chance of showers moving in from the south. These may give some briefly heavy rain, but equally much of the Brecon Beacons may miss them and stay dry. Low chance of isolated thunder and lightning. Strong easterly winds over the summits and gusty conditions elsewhere but winds easing a little later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: >95% through the morning falling to 60% by dusk.

Low cloud and visibility: All cloud well above summits during the morning. Patches above 600m developing in association with any afternoon/evening showers, with more extensive periods above 400-500m possible by the evening, mainly in the south and west of the national park. Generally very good bust distant hills will appear hazy. Locally falling to moderate in any showers with very poor visibility possible in any hill fog later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	22/33 E	24/33 E	22/29 E	20/27 SE	15/20 S	15/21 S	15/20 SW
300	10/20 E	12/22 E	13/25 E	11/23 SE	9/18 S	8/18 S	9/18 S
Valley	8/19 E	10/20 E	11/24 E	10/21 SE	5/15 SE	5/14 S	7/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	7/2	9/5	11/8	11/8	10/7	9/6	9/6
300	5/2	10/7	14/12	14/12	12/10	11/10	11/9
Valley	6/4	11/9	15/13	15/13	13/12	11/10	11/10
Freezing Level*	1900m	2000m	2300m	2500m	2300m	2200m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Strong and gusty easterly winds at first, with maximum gusts locally 10-15 mph higher than those show in the table above (i.e gusts up to 40-45 mph locally). The winds will peak by mid-morning before easing during the remainder of the day. Low risk of lightning with afternoon/evening showers, however any heavy rain is likely to be brief.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
02:00 on Thu 04 May 2023	0mm	0mm	0.4mm

Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023

Weather: The chance of a few showers during the early hours of Friday and a rather cloudy start to the morning. Skies brightening with sunny spells developing but a chance of heavy showers forming, drifting towards the northeast. There's a risk of hail and thunder, particularly in northern and eastern areas, with the risk of showers decreasing quickly from late afternoon. Becoming mainly dry by the evening with plenty of late sunshine.

Maximum wind: South-westerly 20 mph gusting 30 mph, easing to 15-20 mph by the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 60% becoming 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Periods of cloud above 400-500m at first, soon lifting and breaking to become patchy above 700-800m by mid-morning. Occasional patches above 850m during the afternoon in association with showers but most summits becoming cloud free. Very good visibility in general with distant hills clear to see, but briefly falling as showers pass through as all but nearby hills disappear. Locally very poor in hill fog.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 9 Celsius rising to plus 16 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 8 Celsius rising to plus 12 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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